

HONORING SANDOR BRATTSTROM

HON. JERRY WELLER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 1997

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the hard work and dedication of a valued employee, Mr. Sandor Brattstrom, who has served as congressional liaison to communities in the 11th District of Illinois since I took office in 1995. Sandy has been a faithful friend of the people of the 11th District of Illinois. His service on their behalf, particularly the people of Will County, has positively affected these communities in innumerable ways.

As congressional liaison to Will County, he has helped me build strong relationships with local officials and business leaders. His instinctive understanding of the needs of these communities and his ability to perceive fruitful courses of action has served to make me more effective as a community servant.

A very important part of Sandy's work has been his critical role in the redevelopment of the 23,500 acre Joliet Arsenal property, a project which has attracted national attention as a prototype for the conversion of unneeded military facilities to productive civilian use.

Not only did Sandy play a key role in mobilizing the diverse 11th District sources of support needed to ensure passage of the enabling redevelopment legislation, the Illinois Land Conservation Act of 1996, but he has since worked very hard to help begin the process of implementing the following major provisions of this landmark act of Congress:

The creation of the 19,000-acre Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie—the largest tallgrass prairie in the Nation. The prairie will be a wonderful natural treasure cherished by Americans for many generations to come.

The development of a 3,000-acre industrial park utilizing much of the arsenal's infrastructure to eventually provide economic growth and thousands of new jobs.

The building of a 985-acre national veterans' cemetery—larger even than the Arlington National Cemetery and the second largest in the Nation—to honor the men and women whose courage and sacrifice to America have preserved our freedoms.

Sandor Brattstrom has been a very important contributor to the success of my service in the U.S. Congress on behalf of the citizens of the 11th District. I am pleased to know that in his new position as assistant executive director of the Joliet Arsenal Development Authority, he will continue to serve many of the people of Will County and the 11th District.

I thank you, Sandy, for all you have accomplished for me and the people I represent.

TRIBUTE TO ADELE MCKENZIE

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, on Veterans Day of this year, a great American and wonderful lady, Adele McKenzie, will be honored at the courthouse in Maryville, TN.

This will be a very well-deserved tribute to a very patriotic woman.

Adele McKenzie is a native of Blount County and the daughter of the late India and Thomas Brady.

She is the great, great, great, great, great granddaughter of the first county judge who served when Blount was still a territorial county.

Mrs. McKenzie is the widow of Lt. Comdr. Boyd McKenzie, a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Navy. The wife of a career military man is in many, many ways a veteran herself.

She is the mother of Boyd McKenzie, Jr., who is with Delta Airlines in Atlanta, and Melinda Bryan, a sergeant with the Chattanooga police department.

Mrs. McKenzie has long been active in community affairs, especially the VFW Auxiliary, for which she served two terms as district 2 president.

She was president of the Sam Houston School PTA and worked for 32 years as a Scout leader. She has been a longtime member of the Blount County Jury Commission, a member of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, the Fort Loudon Association, and the Sam Houston Memorial Association.

Mrs. McKenzie has been best known in recent years as a valuable and devoted member of the staff of The Daily Times newspaper.

Adele McKenzie has been and remains today as one of the most active and respected citizens of Blount County.

She is loved and admired by thousands. She has not lived her life on the sidelines, but instead has done her best to help others.

This Nation would be a much better place if we had more people like Adele McKenzie.

I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD the following article about the life of Adele McKenzie which was published in The Daily Times.

(By Tammy Stanford)

Adele McKenzie—veteran government news reporter and historian—was honored by the Blount County Commission Monday.

A resolution approved unanimously by the group, said McKenzie of The Daily Times has given years of "exceptional and selfless public service."

For more than two decades, McKenzie covered the Blount County Court and Commission for the Times, including its important budget committee meetings.

"You were an honorary member of the budget committee," James Kyker, a commissioner for many years and current commission chairman, told McKenzie during the presentation.

Said Dean Stone, McKenzie's long-time co-worker and executive-editor of the times: "(Adele's) favorite assignments were the Blount County Quarterly Court and the Blount County Commission."

County Executive Bill Crisp said officials wanted to acknowledge McKenzie's dedication with a resolution.

"We wanted to make sure you understood how much we appreciate and love you." Crisp told the honoree.

McKenzie now writes features and a weekly cooking column for the newspaper.

Stone noted McKenzie's renown as a local historian. Her family has been prominent in the area since Blount was a territorial county.

McKenzie's son, Boyd M. McKenzie Jr., was at the presentation and also lauded his mother's contributions to the county.

She has been a leader in many community clubs, including the Sam Houston Memorial Association and Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

McKenzie is the daughter of the late India Patton Brady and Thomas F. Brady. She is the widow of Lt. Comdr. Boyd M. McKenzie.

The couple's daughter, Melinda Bryan, is a Chattanooga police officer. Their son works for Delta Airlines in Atlanta.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 1997

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on Monday, October 6, 1997, and thus was unable to vote in favor of the Veterans Health Programs Improvement Act. I know that this bill passed by a very wide margin and that my vote made no difference in the outcome, however as one who has consistently supported our veterans and who has joined with many Members to seek additional research into gulf war syndrome, I had hoped to be on the House floor to cast an affirmative vote.

GLENN T. SEABORG—ELEMENTAL PIONEER

HON. RONALD V. DELLUMS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 1997

Mr. DELLUMS. Mr. Speaker, it is my great privilege today to pay tribute to one of America's—and the world's greatest scientists. Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg is currently the university professor of chemistry at the University of California, associate director-at-large at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and chairman of the Lawrence Hall of Science. He has previously served as both chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley and as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Dr. Seaborg is perhaps best known as the cointerwinner of the 1951 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his work on the chemistry of the transuranic elements. He is the codiscoverer of 10 transuranic elements, and is the only person to hold a patent on a chemical element—both americium and curium.

Today I want to applaud Dr. Seaborg for yet another honor. The international panel that approves the names of new elements has approved the naming of Element 106 as Seaborgium. This is the first time that an element has been named for a living person, and is a great tribute to the work that Dr. Seaborg has accomplished over the last six decades. He is one of a very few Americans for whom the term "living legend" truly applies, and it is my honor today to congratulate Dr. Seaborg on this magnificent achievement.

THE AMERICAN LAND
SOVEREIGNTY PROTECTION ACT

HON. GEORGE P. RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 1997

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, as a cosponsor of H.R. 901, the American Land Sovereignty Protection Act, I am confident that the bill makes a firm commitment to protecting America's public lands against overreaching international bureaucracies, like the United Nations. I particularly commend Chairman DON YOUNG for his leadership on this bill.

My district in California includes three national parks—Yosemite, Kings Canyon, and Sequoia. Therefore, any question of threatened sovereignty over public lands and its potential impact on adjoining private property is of critical concern to me and my constituents. The United Nations should not be operating in our backyard in the absence of congressional oversight. H.R. 901 reasserts Congress' constitutional role in the making of rules and regulations governing lands belonging to the United States and its people.

It is arrogant for the United Nations to believe that undermining the United States' hard won sovereignty is in the best interest of world peace. Preserving every measure of U.S. sovereignty is crucial to maintaining American leadership abroad and at home. I urge the House to pass H.R. 901.

HONORING CLARA PADILLA
ANDREWS

HON. ELIZABETH FURSE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. FURSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month to recognize an outstanding individual, a constituent, and friend of mine in the First Congressional District of Oregon, Ms. Clara Padilla Andrews. Ms. Andrews has dedicated her life to serving others.

Ms. Andrews is the owner and publisher of the *El Hispanic News*, a bilingual English/Spanish weekly community newspaper in Oregon. Previously, Ms. Andrews has served as a Community and Family Services integration of services supervisor and the Hispanic services coordinator for Multnomah County in Portland. Through her tenure with the county, she demonstrated her strong will, dedication, and commitment to sharing her talents and knowledge to promote networking and partnerships. Her ability as a community organizer and strong encouragement of project collaboration were essential ingredients in the work she did and continues to do in creating a better society for all.

Ms. Andrews is known for her behind-the-scenes advocacy on behalf of disenfranchised Hispanic families in Multnomah County. She was instrumental in obtaining monetary support to staff positions at three high schools to reduce the Hispanic student dropout rate.

She was also essential in the renovation of the Galaxy apartment complex. This cluster of

apartments in their original condition were a northeast Portland neighborhood eyesore in deplorable condition with a prevalence of drugs and prostitution, crime, and poverty.

Today the Galaxy apartments are the Villa de Clara Vista apartments named in honor the Hacienda Community Development Corp. and recruited board members to spearhead the renovation effort to make affordable family housing available. The project today also includes a one-stop center for coordinated social services for area occupants. This project now serves as a national model.

Ms. Andrews has worked at all levels of government. Her civic involvement is admirable, as she served as the secretary of state for New Mexico from 1983 to 1986 and was the highest ranking Latina elected official at that time. When Ms. Andrews lost her granddaughter, Susana Gurule, to cancer, she founded the Susana Maria Gurule Foundation which focuses its efforts on increasing the number of minority volunteers for the National Marrow Donor Program registry. As a result of her work, she has also been named to the National Marrow Donor Program board.

Ms. Andrews is a 1986 recipient of a Congressional Hispanic Caucus Distinguished Service Award, the 1994 Doernbecker Hospital Hero's Award, Executive Women in State Government Distinguished Award, and several others. She has also been named 1 of the 100 Most Influential Hispanics four times.

Ms. Andrews is an exemplary citizen. Her lifetime of achievements and contributions to making society a better place for all serves as a model for all of us to learn from and follow. In recognition of National Hispanic Heritage month, it is my honor to recognize my friend, Ms. Clara Padilla Andrews.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JUDITH MAY
COOK

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 1997

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exemplary citizen and beloved public servant, Judith May Cook. Her endless contributions to the small community of Little Compton deserve proper recognition as she prepared to retire from her position as town clerk.

Judith was born to Clarence F. and Lucille Hambly on November 25, 1947. At 29 years old she began her distinguished career as a public servant. On April 1, 1976, Judith was first appointed to fill the unexpired term of retiree, Olive R. Kneeland, as treasurer of Little Compton. She committed her invaluable efforts to this office for 6 years and her hard work and dedication were not soon forgotten. After the tragic death of Philip B. Wilbur, the town clerk, Judith was appointed to fill his unexpired term. Since her appointment on December 4, 1986, she has run unopposed in every election for this position. Besides fulfilling the duties of her appointments, Judith was elected to participate on the town's budget committee for a term and a half. Ms. Cook has played a vital role in the government's stability

and financial security of the small community of Little Compton.

Little Compton is a sparsely settled, seaside community populated by only 3,367 permanent residents. While the town entertains an influx of summer residents, the economy does not rely on tourism, but agriculture is its largest significant component. Little Compton has remained free of many of the political and economic pressures of the 20th century. In a town that celebrates its natural evolution as much as its picturesque landscape, a defining citizen like Judith May Cook proves to be a true role model.

When Judith May Cook retires on January 1, 1998, it will be a great loss for the community of Little Compton. Her professional success and dedicated service will always stand as a model of commitment for which we may strive to emulate. I ask my colleagues to join me to salute and thank Judith for her years of outstanding public service.

PERMANENT LEGAL RESIDENCY
FOR JESSICA KOCH

HON. LINDSEY O. GRAHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 7, 1997

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduced a bill crucial to Jessica Koch, a high school senior in my district. This bill will provide for the permanent legal residency of this well-rounded, ambitious girl whose world has been irrevocably changed after recently discovering her status as an illegal immigrant.

Jessica came to this country with a tourist visa in 1981. Shortly thereafter, when she was 18 months old, she was abandoned by her biological mother, the only parent she had ever known. Fortunately, she was taken into the caring home of David and Diane Miller, who were awarded legal custody of her when she was 5. Oblivious of her status as an illegal immigrant, the Millers raised her, supported her, and cared for her as one of their own. It was not until this year that Jessica's life and hopes for a successful future were turned upside-down.

On August 13, Jessica went to replace a lost Social Security card that the Millers obtained for her when they were given custody. She was stunned when she was denied a card and was told she was an illegal immigrant. Until that moment Jessica took pride in acting as a responsible citizen by working part-time while in school and registering to vote. Now, upon learning of her illegal status, she was forced to stop working to help support herself.

Because Jessica came to this country as an infant and became a member of the Miller family at a young age, she was raised with the impression that she was an adopted member of the Miller family and that she was a U.S. citizen. This is a case to which Congress can bring a happy resolution. By introducing this bill, I am hopeful that Jessica can remain in the United States, the only country she calls home.